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What Sin Will Do for a Christian?

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

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I thought I would talk to you today on, "What Sin Will Do for a Christian." Most of this crowd are Christians. It was mentioned that you are soon to have revival services and I thought I might help somewhat in that.

All Christians Must Face the Sin Problem

There are a number of Scriptures with which we might start. One of them is I John 1:18:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Again in I John 2:1 the Scripture says:

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Christians still have the problem of sin. The Bible makes it clear that when one is born again, converted, he still has the old nature. Do you have a new nature? Do you now love the things you once did not love? Do you now love God? Do you now have assurance that your sins are forgiven? Do you now have evidence that you are a new creation? If so, that is well and good; but do not fool yourself: you still have the old nature, too. That is the reason Paul said, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

(Rom. 7:24). He said, "When I would do good, evil is present with me" (Rom. 7:21). "When I want to do right, it is hard." Every Christian had as well face this matter of sin. Every Christian still sins.

If you think you do not sin, stop and consider the Bible definitions of sin.

The Scripture says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:22). Any act you did while you had doubt about it was a sin.

Again, the Bible makes it clear that even to cease to pray is sin. "Pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17).

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (Jas. 4:17). Every time you ever left off a thing you knew you ought to do, you sinned.

Then the Bible says, "The thought of foolishness is sin" (Prov. 24:9). None of us can say that we do not sin, and a Christian needs to face honestly the sin question.

Those of us who believe in sal-

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"Ready...Also to Die" --Acts 21:13

By MISSIONARY NORMAN LEWIS
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"Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."—Acts 21:13.

Let us get the picture. Paul was headed for Jerusalem, was warned that hostile Jews would fall upon him and bind him. Paul's companions pleaded with him not to go. "Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13).

What explains Paul's attitude toward death? Why did he not fear that old monster? How could he look unblinkingly into the face of the cruel arch-enemy of humanity? Paul wasn't tired of life. It wasn't that Paul wanted to die. Death wasn't Paul's goal. He didn't have a martyr complex, nor did he deliberately try to hurl himself into the jaws of death. It was simply that death didn't matter to Paul. He was ready whenever an accounting might be demanded. His books were kept to the day. His attitude he had already expressed when he said, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

No, Paul didn't want to die. To some of us it seems harder to live for Jesus than it would be to die for Jesus. Paul was a gambler for God. He put his life into play a dozen times, a hundred times, yes, a thousand times for Jesus. Why? Because Paul knew God. Therefore, he could look death square in the face and never flinch.

It is said that when Paul Rader was dying, a weeping company stood around the bed. Finally Paul summoned his waning strength, raised up and said, "Quit your crying. Who's doing the dying here anyhow?" Both those Pauls knew that Christ's victory

marched right down into the grave—and out again!

1. Paul and His Saviour

To understand the Apostle Paul's attitude, we must dip into his earlier life. Remember he had Blood-stained hands.

While unsaved he raged like a lion against the Church. The Bible says, "He made havock of the church" (Acts 8:3). Paul himself said, "I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women" (Acts 22:4). Again he said, "Many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them" (Acts 26:10).

When a bit earlier God's hero-preacher Stephen stood toe to toe with the gang who had crucified the Lord and preached the whole truth to them, it seems likely Paul was there. Finally Stephen said, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost." Then he laid squarely on them the weight of their guilt as the " betrayers and murderers" of the

Lord Jesus. That was too much. They dragged him out of the city, grabbed great stones and beat him into a bloody death. And many another Christian went home to Heaven by the same route. There is no doubt about it, Paul had a heavy weight on his conscience when he finally found pardon in Christ Jesus. But let us not blame Paul. The Beginnings of sin are in us all.

Come on now, don't dodge. Let us admit that God's Word puts the sin question straighter and better than all the modern educationalists and psychologists with their high spun, badly-bent theories. The Bible says it plain enough so a man can understand (Continued on Page 4)



Rev. Norman Lewis

FRUIT FROM GAMBLER'S CORRUPT TREE

By EVANGELIST JAMES V. LAMB
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(Third article, in a series of five, on gambling)

The fruit from the gambling tree is corrupt, sinful and evil. Gambling is a sin because its fruit is sinful.

Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew said:

"... Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is

hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."—Matt. 7:16b-20.

The context of this passage is about false teachers and false prophets, but the verse could be applicable to gambling also. Gambling is a corrupt tree, as we have seen, and therefore it produces corrupt fruit. It brings forth fruit that is not good. It needs to be cut down and cast into the fire.

I wish I could picture to you the blighted fruit of gambling. If I had a ruler or gauge that could measure lost happiness, broken lives, homes and hearts; or if I had some way to catch the tears of shame and disgrace and heartaches of mothers, fathers and children, I could show the fruit of gambling. I do not have such a ruler or gauge. My figures are cold statistics and naked facts, which really cannot picture the blight of gambling at all. One may be able to get a new job, buy another house or get the watch from the pawnshop after gambling debts are paid; but no money or beauty parlor can take the wrinkles from a mother's cheek or turn back the clock of a wasted life. Perhaps sometimes one can get back the "things" lost while gambling; but the real losses, the worst losses, are gone forever.

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The Sword Book Club News



The Sword Book Club News is in this issue. Members, be sure not to miss the announcement of the June selection! The News is on page 7 of this issue and the book, Devotional Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews, by J. C. Macaulay is one you will want to have in your library. Be sure to read the News carefully. If you don't want this book to come to you automatically, you must clip out the substitution blank and mail it to us. It must reach us no later than June 3.

Are you a member of the Sword Book Club? If not, you are missing valuable opportunities and the best books in current Christian literature, as well as free books. Don't let this opportunity slip by—read the Sword Book Club News, see the special coupon for new members, which is on page six. Investigate the Sword Book Club plan for more books on your library shelves for less money.

God Gives Real Victory in Carlyle Scott's Meetings

Blessed word has just come from Evangelist Carlyle Scott of Crawfordsville, Indiana, telling of God's blessings in campaigns in the west. At Glendale, Arizona, there were 175 professions, adjudged by many as God's greatest visitation in the town's history. Outstanding conversions were a man past 80, one 65, and a lady 70. One unsaved man flew from Oregon to be in the final service of the revival. God saved him and Brother Scott reports his testimony as follows: "I don't know what some may think, but I know God had me fly 1,500 miles to cross this preacher's path and be saved tonight!"

Brother Scott further states: "Just received word today from the Tucson, Arizona, pastor that the revival was still on where we witnessed 105 professions."

"It was also a joy to conduct a meeting where God raised up the church here in Effrida, Arizona, with ninety-five professions two years ago. Away with that nonsense that there is no permanent good from revivals! Here is a beautiful cement-block building, estimated by a contractor to be worth \$17,000. . . The entire com-

munity has been noticeably inspired to higher standards of righteousness. . . This is the seventh church I've seen the Lord build in my feeble ministry. Is it not a privilege to serve God, especially in the much-maligned office of an evangelist?"

We are fortunate to have Evangelist Carlyle Scott on our conference program at Cedar Lake July 16-24. He is one of the most popular evangelists in the Midwest, a powerful preacher who gets many saved.

Evangelist Jim Mercer Sees 50 Professions in Detroit

Rev. Mark Dickerson, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church in Detroit, writes of a blessed campaign in his church, led by Evangelist Jim Mercer. There were fifty professions of faith in Christ, more than two hundred decisions from Christians concerning family altar, tithing, church membership, and surrender to the will of God. A new all-time Sunday School record of 412 was set during the campaign. The pastor reports great crowds attended the revival night after night. We are glad to have this fine word commending the services of Evangelist Jim Mercer.

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Rev. James V. Lamb

What Sin Will Do for a Christian

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vation by grace, who believe we are saved not because we work at it, not because we are baptized, or because we are confirmed, or because we are a member of a church—those of us who believe in salvation by grace, salvation by the blood of Christ, are likely to feel: "Well, because we are saved we dodge all the penalties of sin. Now that we are saved it does not matter; we can get by with sin." There never was a bigger lie told by the Devil. And a boy or girl was never fooled by a bigger one. You still have to face your sins. And there are certain things which sin will do for a Christian. I want you to think about them for a little bit.

Sin May Continue Its Curse on the Body After the Soul Is Saved

First of all, sin always brings a curse on the body. That is just as true for a Christian as it is for anybody on the Devil's side. Sin still brings a curse on your body.

In the Garden of Eden the Lord said to Adam and Eve, "For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). So sin began there. They disobeyed God and death began there, death in the body—a curse on the body. They began to die, and they did die spiritually.

Again, in Romans 6:23 the Scripture says, "The wages of sin is death." It is still that way for a Christian. In your case you are born again. You will not have eternal death. You are not going to the lake of fire. It is not Hell for the born-again Christian. But you had just as well face the fact that there is still death in the body for a Christian.

I was much concerned about a message Dr. Bob Jones recently gave in Chicago. He told about a man called "New Bill," but who used to be called "Old Bill So-and-So" until he was converted. He lived in Evansville, Indiana. After he was converted he always called himself "New Bill," and he gave wonderful testimonies and spoke for God. He spent his life after he was saved in winning souls. Dr. Bob Jones said that he went to see him on his deathbed. He still had just one eye. In a drunken fight he had an eye put out. After he was converted he still had only one eye.

You can be saved, born again; but the result of sin goes on after you are saved. A man can be saved and yet his children may go to the Devil. You see, the re-

sult of sin goes on. God's laws are not changed just because you are saved and kept out of Hell. It still is a dreadful thing to sin. And you will suffer for it. There is a curse on the body. Don't ever think you are getting by with sin.

Sin May Enslave the Will and Imagination of a Christian

Not only is there a curse on the body; there is also a curse on the mind because of sin. A Christian can become enslaved in sin as if he were not saved. You may say, "Well, I didn't think a Christian would ever curse." Peter did. You may say, "I don't think a Christian should ever lie." He should not, but Peter did. He lied, cursed, swore, and denied the Saviour. You may say, "I don't believe a Christian could get drunk." Noah did. He was the only man of the whole human race who was good enough to escape the flood. But the first thing he did after he built an altar and had worship was to plant a vineyard and grow some grapes and then make some wine and then get drunk. Now that was a terrible thing. Don't you ever think sin cannot enslave you!

This week a heartbreaking letter came from a sixteen-year-old girl, a Christian girl, who had fallen into sin. She wrote to tell me of her sin and her grief and shame and trouble. Sin enslaves!

It is sometimes just as hard for a Christian to quit tobacco as for anybody else to quit. If you deal with sin, it will get tied on. It will get sewed to you, nailed to you, glued to you until you cannot get away from it, particularly if you trifle with it. You see, sin still has a certain effect. You cannot sin and get by.

Sin Takes Away the Christian's Peace and Joy

Another thing sin does is to cause a Christian to lose his peace. Some of you young fellows may say, "I thought I was saved back yonder, but now I do not know whether I was or not. Because I am not sure, I suppose I was not." The trouble is that you have not been living right. If you do not feel right, you have not been doing right. Peace of heart, peace of conscience, assurance of salvation is usually dependent on the way you live.

Peter, in one of his epistles, said that certain Christian people had forgotten that they were purged from their old sins, had lost assurance of it. How many people there are who feel that they are lost after they have been saved, who lose their assurance, lose their joy! Sin does that. Oh, how sin kills Christian joy!

There was a time when you were happy, when you enjoyed the Bible, but you do not any more. Sin has killed your Christian joy. There was a time when you enjoyed praying. Now you make yourself pray as a matter of duty, or perhaps even neglect it. Prayer is not easy. Do you know what is the matter? You have been in sin. You have neglected God, neglected the Bible. Sin has crept in. There is lukewarmness or something else that God hates. You have no assurance, no joy when you try to pray. God does not bless you in it. It is a terrible thing to lose the peace of God, to lose the joy of the Lord.

Christian young people give up some things, that is, Christians who are worthwhile. There is nothing to a Christian who does not give up anything for God. I would not think anything of a football halfback or tackle who did not give up something to be a good football player. I did when I played college football. I would not think anything of anybody who set out to get an education but who did not expect it to cost something in time, sweat, labor, study and self-denial. Things for which you do not give anything are not worth anything. And a Christian who sets out to live for God is going to have to give up some things.

But I think it is a pitiful thing that you give up the out-

ward pleasures of the world and yet do not have the joy of the Lord. Maybe you once went to picture shows. Once, perhaps, you thought there was no harm in dancing. If you are a good Christian you certainly gave up promiscuous necking and petting. But is it true that a Christian is going to have to go all his days without any real joy? Isn't it a pitiful thing for a Christian to give up some of these worldly things that cannot satisfy anyhow and yet not have the joy of the Lord? It is a sad thing for a Christian not to be happy.

Do you know why lots of lost people are never saved, do not want to be saved, do not see any reason why they should be saved, are not attracted to it? It is because your Christianity is not the attractive kind. It does not make you joyful, it does not make you happy. Why should anybody else want it? I do not believe in the kind of Christianity that cannot keep a song in your heart, a lift in your voice and glory in your face which will make others say, "That girl surely is happy," and, "That boy surely is happy; he seems to get along so well." A Christian ought to have that joy, and you cannot have it when you cut the corners. You cannot do it when you sell out, even in what you may think is a little sin. You may say, "Everybody does it." You may say, "Well, I don't think it is so bad." You may say, "Well, So and So said there was not any harm in it." But a Christian who goes on in sin will lose his joy and peace.

Sin Shuts Out the Voice and Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Another thing, sin will cause a Christian to lose the comfort, guidance, leadership, and the power of the Holy Spirit. You as a Christian have the Spirit of God living in your body. You will not lose Him. He will stay with you. He came in when you were converted and He is going to stay there and live in your body. But, listen, you may grieve Him so He will not talk to you. You may grieve Him so He will not make His presence felt and known. You may grieve Him so that He will not have fellowship with you day by day. You may grieve Him until He will not reveal His Word to you.

I read the Bible and the blessed Spirit of God helps me understand it. I have written a few books and sometimes people say to me: "Brother Rice, what do you mean in your book on Prayer, page so and so?" Or sometimes they say, "Brother Rice, in your book, *The Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children*, you talk about wives obeying their husbands. What about this? In this case what should I do?" Sometimes people like for the author to explain a book. The blessed thing is that the Bible Author, the Holy Spirit of God who had men write the Bible, who told men exactly what to say, who put the very words in their hearts and mouths as they wrote them down, can best explain to us the Bible. Isn't it wonderful when the Holy Spirit who wrote a passage tells us just what He meant by it? You can have the help of the Spirit in understanding the Bible.

To some of you the Bible is not a living Book. It is dead. Some of you read your chapter, or just a few verses, as a matter of religion, or as a matter of duty. You do not delight in the Bible. It is not sweet to you. You do not hunger for it as you do for food. You do not want it as you do the company and fellowship of good friends. You ought to. The Bible is 'sweeter than honey and the honeycomb,' says the Bible in Psalm 19:10. "Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments," says the Psalmist (Psa. 119:164). "Thy law is my delight," he said again (Psa. 119:174). A Christian ought to enjoy the Bible. But you cannot unless the Holy Spirit helps you. Well, why doesn't He? Because you have grieved Him by your sin.

How many of you are saying today, "I wish I knew what to do, what course to take. I wish I knew what job to take this summer. I wish I knew what my life's work is to be. Shall I be

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

We should like to call the attention of our friends to the following letter which was recently written to Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University:

Enclosed please find a check for \$151.59, the exact amount I received for a young bull I sold this month. Briefly, I would like to tell you just what happened.

In December, I purchased three steers and this bull. The bull contacted car fever and was very sick. In prayer I asked God if He would spare this bull's life, the proceeds when I sold him, I would give to the Bob Jones Endowment Fund. The bull lived and happy to say, it gained weight faster than any bull or steer I ever raised before (better than 3 pounds a day). I got my neighbor to haul him and strange enough, he wouldn't take a cent for his trouble. Incidentally, this neighbor's step-daughter graduated from your school last year. I didn't tell a soul about this except, of course, my wife. Actually, I didn't have much to do with this gift, did I?

Before all this took place, I did ask God what He would have me give, as I did want to give something. I do believe He answered prayer through this strange way.

My wife and I have taken an interest in your school since our neighbor girl started school there. We've no-

ticed what it did for her, her home, and also what she did for our church in the line of spiritual things. We came to the conclusion that the Lord must certainly be given first place there.

Thank you for sending us the publication of *The Fellowship News*. It has been a help to us. I wish we could hear your Dad deliver his sermon on Wednesday evening of the 6th.

Please pray for our family for we need His loving grace, that through this grace bestowed on us, he might use us to His honor and glory and He might make us humble and keep us hid behind the Cross of Christ and be obedient to His Word. Thank you and may God bless your school as He has in the past to bear more fruit for Him.

If you friends who believe in the old Gospel as Bob Jones University believes in the Gospel would co-operate with us as this good man has done, we would have no difficulty raising our million-dollar Student Loan Endowment Fund. If you have made a contribution and feel the Lord would like to have you send more, we would be glad to have you do it. Ask the Lord what He would have you do, and whatever He leads you to do will be satisfactory to us. Thank you and God bless you.

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a preacher? A doctor? A missionary? What shall it be? What shall I do?" A thousand times you will need to know what to do. There will be a thousand times when you will need help that men cannot give. If you go on with unconfessed sin, unlamented sin, the Holy Spirit is not going to show you what to do. The Holy Spirit will not guide you. He will not make it quite clear to you if you ignore Him and grieve Him by your sins. You see, sin makes it so the sweet Holy Spirit who lives in our bodies and who is always with us cannot do for us the blessed ministries that He should like to do.

Sin, Willingly Continued in, Will Keep the Christian From Winning Souls

"The Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip." The Lord said, "Go yonder to a certain road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza. Be there at a certain time." He was there. There came along a chariot with the Ethiopian eunuch riding in it. They met at just the right time. "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." Then the Holy Spirit helped Philip win the man. But if you willingly continue in sin, then the Spirit cannot use you to win souls. Every Christian ought to win souls. You cannot win souls, of course, without the Spirit of God. You cannot win souls by human strength.

Sometimes people say, "If I could get a good education I would be a good preacher." Not necessarily so. I know lots of educated preachers who never get anybody saved. They are dull to hear. The other day my daughter, Grace, brought me a book by that famous preacher in England, Archbishop Temple. She read over some of the messages—only about a page and a half of so-called sermons. She said, "I don't see how anybody would sit and listen to those. They are dull. They do not bless. They do not help anybody."

I said, "I suppose that is the reason they are so short. They were not fit to make any longer. They did not help anybody. Nobody was blessed by them." I know lots of educated preachers who cannot help anybody.

Listen, if you win souls you have to have that miracle, the work of the Spirit of God, the breath of God to make your words what they ought to be, to let you have the key to people's hearts, to show you how to help men. You cannot have the power of the Holy Spirit if you go on in known sin, if you go on in sin unlamented, unconfessed and unforsaken. Do you see then, how terrible it

is for a Christian to go into sin and lose the power of the Spirit of God? So many do!

Sin, Unconfessed, Unforsaken, Blocks the Christian's Prayers

What else does sin do for a Christian? It keeps our prayers from being answered. The Scripture says, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing" (Continued on Page 3)

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Fruit from Gambling's Corrupt Tree

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ever—lost love, lost joy, lost respect, lost name, and many times, lost soul!

I can give you the fact that 12,964 people were arrested by the F.B.I. for gambling in 1946; or that gambling ranked thirteenth in the twenty-eight crimes listed by the F.B.I., but this is not all the hurt or blight of gambling. In the United States in 1947, two per cent of all arrests were for gambling, and of these 12,964 arrested, 1,151 were women. Gambling is not simply a "man's game," because one-twelfth of the gamblers in the United States are women.

Fruit of Gambling: Other Sins, Higher Taxes, More Burdens

Someone says, "But gambling is taxed and the revenue from gambling goes for lots of things that are good in the states where gambling is carried on." Is that right? I took the trouble to look up some facts and found on one item like gasoline tax that in the states where gambling is conducted people pay higher gasoline taxes than in non-gambling states. For instance, in Missouri there is a tax of two cents on gasoline, with no legalized gambling. Right next to Missouri to the east is Illinois, with legal and

illegal gambling in various forms, with a tax of three cents per gallon. (And it is not any farther to ship gasoline to any place in Illinois as compared with any place in Missouri.) To our south is Arkansas, with legal horse racing (an even closer gasoline supply); yet gasoline has a tax of six cents or three times that of Missouri. (Taxes from gambling do not reduce other taxes in the state.)

Look at Texas, with no racing and a gas tax of four cents, and compare it with Louisiana, with legal racing and a seven cent tax. Or look at Kentucky with a five cent tax and Missouri to the north with two cents. These facts are up-to-the-minute "Automobile Association of America" figures from the June, 1947, report. Gambling does not lighten the tax burden but makes it heavier.

A year or two before Pearl Harbor, congressmen began to inquire around to see if the American people wanted a national lottery to pay the national debt. FORTUNE MAGAZINE conducted a survey in October, 1935. The question which FORTUNE asked was this: "Do you think that lotteries similar to the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes and conducted only for charity for taxation should be allowed in this country?" The answer was "yes," 55.3 per cent; "no," 32.5 per cent—and 12.2 did not know. How can we sing, "God Bless America," with 55.3% (Continued on Page 4)

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in his sight" (I John 3:22). Many times you cannot pray with any confidence. What is wrong with your prayer life? Primarily it is a bad conscience. Primarily it is that you feel so unworthy when you get down to pray. You do not feel any boldness in prayer. If you waited on God, cleaned house, turned your back on sin, made things right with people and with God, then you could say, "O God there is nothing between my soul and the Saviour, naught of this world's delusive dream." If you could say, "I know I am doing what He wants me to do; I would die for Him, would cut off every friend who is in the way; cut off my love for pleasure or anything else in the world; I would turn my back on it. God knows I want just to please Him alone"—then how bold you could be in prayer! But when you have a troubled conscience, isn't it bad?

If you will listen, then the Spirit of God will tell you what is wrong. That is the reason Jesus said in Matthew 5:23, 24, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; Leave there thy gift at the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

When you go to pray, the Spirit of God will remind you where you have failed God. If God is accusing you, if the Spirit of God is pointing His finger in your face and saying, "You do not mean business, you have not done right, you are not serving God with all your heart, you have things you ought to give up, you have neglected your duty," then you do not have any boldness in praying, and you do not get your prayers answered.

That is the reason the Saviour says in John 15:7: "If ye abide in me [live in me, are wrapped up in Me, absorbed in Me], and my words abide in you [if you keep My commandments], ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Christians cannot get their prayers answered and go on in sin. Christians cannot get their prayers answered and go on ignoring God. I will tell you what is the matter. It is not that it is so hard to pray. It is hard for people to mean business and give themselves over to it. I say, sin will block your prayers so God cannot hear you.

How many times the Bible says that! Isn't that what it says in Isaiah 59:1, 2: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God." What is there between you and God? Your sins! Why does not God answer your prayers? It is because of your sins. Why doesn't God seem to hear? Your sins are to blame. That is what He says: "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

Christian's Sins Block Revival, Limit God

What does sin in the Christian do? It makes it so God cannot show His power. Our loved ones go to Hell. The Lord's blessing fades away, the assurance fades away, there is not any revival and so souls go to Hell. Many a Christian has blood on his hands. There is somebody in Hell now, maybe, who would have been saved if you had lived so your prayers could have been answered, if you had lived so that God could have sent a revival, if you had lived so the Spirit of God could have come in power. You see, God is limited by the lives of Christians. You continue in sin—known sin, sin with an alibi, sin unconfessed, sin unrepented—and it brings the curse of God, turns away His power, stops revival, keeps you from having your prayers answered, keeps you from having the Spirit of God to guide you, keeps you from having His power in soul winning. Souls go to Hell because we are not right in our lives. How much sin does!

One day I was studying the matter of prayer for revival, and was reading in Nehemiah where Nehemiah said: "O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God..." (Neh. 1:5). Then I turned to the ninth chapter of Daniel and read where Daniel said, "O Lord, the great and dreadful God..." Do you realize that God is terrible? Do you realize that God is dreadful? Remember that the Bible says, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). Are you afraid of God?

I am sorry that we do not have more preaching on sin. We do not have much punishment for sin. In a Christian Academy like this everybody gripes. Everybody raises Cain if there are strict rules. And if people are expected to act like Christians, they fuss about that. We do not, these days, have much sharp Bible teaching and preaching on sin. But we should have. God is a dreadful God because God is going to punish sin. God punished sin when it was in David. God punished sin when it was in Lot. God punished sin when it was in Peter. God punishes sin if it is in preachers and missionaries. You cannot get by with sin!

So I will tell you what a Christian ought to do. Why don't you search your heart and say, "O God, show me my sin. Help me to tremble about my sin. Help me to acknowledge it and confess it and forsake it." And then God can send the revival blessing that you want. Will you pray about that?

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father, turn our hearts to thee. We pray that as we go from this place we will have deep concern about the way we have failed Thee, about our lukewarmness, about our carelessness, about our frivolous ways without any serious, earnest intent about our Christian lives. Give us a heart to please Thee and serve Thee aright. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Fruit from Gambling's Corrupt Tree

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of the people favoring gambling, and 12.2% undecided? With such a blight on America, God cannot give His best blessings! Congressman Kenney of New Jersey introduced a bill in the House sponsoring the idea of a national lottery; but before it could be sold to the people and Congress the war came and it was dropped. It will probably be revived though, and we should let our voices be heard against it. The "Irish Sweepstakes" and other races, lotteries and schemes have

not done much for Ireland or England. Neither country is well off financially now, even after all these years of races, lotteries and other national gambling endeavors to raise money. Gambling is a blight! Its fruit is evil. Gambling leads to other sins and greater burdens.

Dr. Walter A. Maier in his book, *Rebuilding With Christ*, brings up a question someone might ask:

"What objection can you have if the proceeds go to hospitals, to the state, to religious purposes?" others demand. Simply

this, that the need never justifies the means. Sin can never pay for its own ruin. For instance, the state of Massachusetts received \$13,000,000 a year as income from liquor licenses and revenue; yet drunkenness, with its resultant crimes, mental and physical illness, and the public support of its victims cost Massachusetts \$61,000,000. Gambling leads to greater burdens and more and greater sins.

Gambling is prevalent in the state of Nevada, because it is the only state today with wide open gambling. To show how gambling does not benefit, but is a curse that leads to other sins, look at the Nevada divorce mill. Reno and Las Vegas, the two largest and most important cities of the state, run a race for the most divorces. Reno led Las Vegas last year with 7,076 divorces compared with 2,944 in Las Vegas. Gambling is thus the natural companion of other sins and greater sins. Gambling devices in Nevada are found everywhere; in drug stores, restaurants, railway stations, and delicatessens. Gambling devices run the list from slot machines in places of business to the exclusive clubs where faro, roulette and poker are played.

Up until a few years ago Nevada did not benefit by taxes from gambling. As late as 1931 Nevada had a hard time paying her school teachers and the secretary of state made only \$3,600 for a year. At one time one of the state senators of Nevada was a proprietor of a gambling house.

Along with gambling goes prostitution, drinking, murder and hundreds of other crimes.

Many people who play games for "small stakes" are starting the gambling habit. Sin is alive and it grows. A "little" temptation yielded to, leads to a greater. James said, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lusts, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14, 15). The gambling temptation, in any form or amount, yielded to is "lust conceived" which "bringeth forth sin, and when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Sin produces more sin. Sin is alive, and a little grows to more and finally ends in death. Do not plant the seed or you must reap harvest!

The "fever" gets a hold on people and they gamble away their pay checks and even steal to gamble more. The fever of gambling is felt in good times and bad. Joseph Henry Jackson, writing in *GOOD HOUSEKEEPING* May, 1945, said that right through the depression years the people of the United States spent a billion dollars a year on foreign sweepstakes, lotteries and other forms of gambling.

Fruit of Gambling: Broken Homes, Loss of Job, Prison and Suicide

Gambling is evil fruit because it leads to divorce and broken homes. It leads to loss of position. It leads to crime, suicide and dishonor. To show where gambling leads take the case of the man who made the headlines recently.

Philip Harkins, writing on "Gambling Is a Disease" in *THIS WEEK* relates the tragic story of the gambler who said:

"I started with a small stake. I didn't know the difference between a felloek and a wither but I got a big kick out of gambling on horses—a thrill hard to describe.

"Once I started gambling, I couldn't seem to stop. The small stake went down the drain. But I was the manager of a small bank in Massachusetts—I simply 'borrowed' more.

"I'd take the money home in thick packets, hide it under the front seat of my car. At the track, I used the car as a mobile bank. If I took a heavy loss in one race, I'd go back to the car and get some more money—'fresh scratch,' gamblers call it.

"It wasn't long before I was betting only in the \$50 and \$100 windows—the windows the big-shot gamblers use. The more

money I bet, the bigger thrill I seemed to get.

"In one race I bet \$5,000 on a horse called Reborn. The horse won but was disqualified for bumping. That didn't discourage me. I had become a plunger. I went to my car, got some 'fresh scratch' and bet \$7,000 on another horse. I lost again.

"There wasn't any money under the front when I drove home that day. But I didn't want to stop. To tell the truth, I couldn't stop.

"At first the men at the betting windows were friendly. But somehow, word got around that I was a bank manager. The men at the windows started holding out on me. If I won \$1,000 they'd give me \$800 and dare me to report them. They'd laugh at me, taunt me. But I had to take it. I was \$80,000 in the hole by that time. And besides, I was still getting a big thrill out of gambling.

"In December of '47, I decided to take a few weeks' vacation. My wife and I left our two children with her family. First we drove to Boston to a Bankers' Convention; then we headed south. We got as far as Charleston, West Virginia, and I found a race track. I couldn't resist it . . .

"When we got back home, the state police were waiting. During my absence, an auditor had checked the books.

"I talked it over with my wife and decided to throw the police off the track for a few days so the kids could enjoy their Christmas holidays. When the holidays were over, I confessed."

This man is now serving six to nine years in prison for embezzlement. This true story is repeated over and over. Listen to another sad story from the United Press:

"BET CASHIER'S LUCKY FEELING COSTS RACE TRACK \$5,250"

"New York, Oct. 28 (UP)—For five years John Morris-

son, 54, worked as cashier at the Mutual windows at Jamaica Race track. Once in a while he placed a \$2 bet for himself on one of the horses. But he was married and had five children, and couldn't afford to on his \$19-a-day salary. . . . When he arrived at work yesterday he suddenly felt lucky. He bet \$5,250.50 on the eight races. But unfortunately his luck was all a state of mind. Not a single one of the horses came through. And even more unfortunately for Morrison, the money wasn't his. When track officials discovered the money was missing from the receipts, they notified the police, who arrested Morrison, who turned over a handful of worthless \$50 tickets. 'I don't know why I did it,' he said, 'except I just felt lucky.'

The newspapers and court records are filled with tragedies like these just quoted. Hardly a week passes without a glaring headline about a trusted long-time employee embezzling money to pay gambling debts or using his firm's money to gamble. Gambling is a sin because of where it ends. It ends in crime, and many times it ends in a respected citizen committing suicide when his crime is discovered. The end of gambling is tragedy, crime, disgrace for self, and disgrace for a lovely wife and little children. The end for them is to face society with bowed heads and broken hearts and a broken home.

If mothers could only see where things taught at home will lead! Many a boy is now a gambler, now a wicked criminal, who learned to play cards at home.

Gipsy Smith told a story about a son in a family who came down to breakfast one morning with a bundle of bank notes in his hand. In answer to a query of his mother, he answered that he had \$250 won at cards last night. The

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It without a dictionary, "There is none righteous, no not one . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:10, 23). Sin, much or little, is deadly. It is poison. It kills. And one drop will kill as surely as an ocean full. The Bible says, "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15). The end of sin is always death. Pay day is coming. Sinner, your pay off may delay, but it will come. "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

Do you know the incident connected with the painting of Leonardo da Vinci's great masterpiece, "The Last Supper"? Long, and in vain Da Vinci had sought for a model for his Christ. Said he, "I must find a young man of pure life, if I am to get that look on the face I want." Finally, he discovered a young man who sang in the choir of one of the churches in Rome, Pietro Bandinelli, by name. His face was not only handsome, but his life was clean and bright. The moment he looked upon that face, he cried, "At last, I have found the face I wanted!" So Pietro Bandinelli sat as model for his picture of Christ.

Years went by, but the great painting, "The Last Supper," was not finished. The eleven apostles had been sketched on the canvas, but the artist still was hunting for a model for Judas. He said, "I must find a man whose face sin has hardened and distorted, a debased man, his features stamped with the ravages only wicked living heart will show."

He searched long without success, until one day in the street he came upon a wretched creature, a ragged beggar with a face so sard and villainous that even the artist was repulsed. But he knew that at last he had found his Judas. And so it was arranged. After the work was done, and the beggar and leaving Da Vinci said, "I have not yet asked your name, but I want to know."

"Pietro Bandinelli," said the man with an unflinching stare. "I also sat for you as a model for your Christ."

Incredulous and overwhelmed by such a startling word, the artist would not at first believe it, but there was the proof. He finally was forced to admit that Pietro Bandinelli, whose noble, pure face had supplied the inspiration for his great masterpiece, the face of Jesus, had now been so marred and marked by the horror of sin that no trace was left of that wonderful beauty which a few years before had compelled the admiration of men.

You many say, "That would never happen to me." You may think you are smart enough to cover your tracks and keep to yourself the sin to which your heart is party. But the Bible says, "Be sure your sin will find you out."

A cemetery just outside London was damaged by a heavy storm. The rushing water passing through a ravine caused a grave to cave in. Afterwards the sexton, investigating the damage, found a skull in the ravine. As he picked it up it rattled as though some object were inside. Taking it to his house, he washed away the mud and examined the skull. Holding it to

the light, he found a strange thing, a nail inside it, a nail without a head. Closer examination revealed a little hole through the temple, just the size of the nail. Placing the nail in the tiny hole, he found it fit exactly. Then the sexton looked up the records and found the name of the man who had been buried there.

Taking the skull to the office of the Chief of Police, he said, "Chief, the storm washed this out of a grave. You might be interested in looking up the story of this case." It was found that the gentleman had died suddenly one night. The doctors had pronounced it apoplexy. Soon afterward the widow married a very wealthy man in the same city. "This looks interesting," said the chief, "I think we should investigate it."

He placed the skull on the desk, with the nail half projecting from the temple. The desk was situated so that the skull would be seen by any person entering the office. A policeman was sent to bring the lady. The chief met her in the outer office. "I just want to talk with you a little about the death of your husband. Our records are not clear as to the cause of his death. Could you tell me?"

"Yes," she said, "it was apoplexy."

"Well, come in. I would like to talk to you about it, if I may." He opened the door and the lady started to enter. When she saw the skull with the nail protruding, she fell in a faint. Three weeks later they hanged her, though twenty-five years had passed since her husband's death. Even human justice is not always defeated, and God's justice, never. "Be sure your sins will find you out!"

I clipped from a newspaper this photo (holding it up). It shows a car being dragged out by a chain from a pond. Below the picture is the following caption: "When workmen drained a pond at Springfield, Massachusetts, to rebuild a bridge they discovered this auto containing the skeletons of David Lee, his wife and their three children who disappeared December 12, 1930. Nation-wide search had been made for the family."

The time is coming when the waters of all the ages will be rolled back and God will reveal every sin that men have sought to hide. No wonder the Bible tells us men will call for the rocks and mountains to hide them from the face of the Son of God when He comes to judge.

No man will ever understand the driving motive of the Apostle Paul's life who does not know something of the sinfulness of sin. Paul knew he had been a great sinner and that only a great Saviour could have lifted, cleansed, and transformed his whole life. It is wonderful to think of.

2. Paul and His Saviour

Paul was a man God stopped. It is often that way. You see some blackhearted rescal living all-out for the Devil and you say, "There's no hope for him." But God puts His hand on the man and says, "Stop." How many a man on the downgrade has heard God's "about face," stopped, and "right now" headed on the upward track! That is the glory of the Gospel.

The Kentucky Derby is one of

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With the Evangelists

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Good Revival in Sunbright, Tennessee, Led by Evangelist F. A. Wirth

As a result of a revival campaign in the small mountain town of Sunbright, Tennessee, in the First Baptist Church, the part-time pastor, Rev. Clay Starr, has now been called to full-time service in the church. There were forty-five saved during the revival, led by Evangelist F. A. Wirth of Petersburg, Illinois, and many hardened backsliders returned to the Lord. There was a real reviving among the Christians, and many quit sinful habits and began family altar. Brother Wirth reports that the pastor baptized twenty converts on the last Sunday afternoon of the campaign, with others to follow. He has been invited back for another meeting in the near future.

Brother Wirth is a faithful evangelist, has had wide experience in revival work. His doctrinal position is sound; he is a pleasant man, a godly man, Spirit-filled, uses much Scripture in his preaching. He is a dear friend of the editor, and we heartily commend his ministry.

Many Decisions for Christ in Park City Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, Under Ministry of Evangelist Clifford Lewis

The pastor of the Park City Baptist Church, Rev. Louis O. Ball, sends a blessed report of a campaign in his church, led by Dr. Clifford Lewis of Winona Lake, Indiana. Brother Ball writes as follows:

"... The influence of the meeting was felt all over our city of more than 200,000 souls. In addition to speaking every night at the church, Dr. Lewis spoke in every high school, both white and colored, and several grade schools; the Baptist Student Center at the University of Tennessee, and in many of the factories and mills.

"There were about 150 who made decisions for Christ in these services. Our church clerk kept an accurate record of all professions and decisions made at the church. 182 made some kind of decision down at the altar, either for a renewal of their covenant, rededication, or for salvation. Sixty were saved and fifty joined the church—thirty-nine for baptism and eleven by letter; 110 people came forward in answer to an invitation for special work and service for Christ.

"The membership of our church was increased 12½ per cent during the meeting. We had four hundred members at the beginning of the revival. Many pledged to tithe and establish family altars in their home.

"The work done in our city for Christ will never be forgotten and only eternity will reveal the good accomplished in our church."

Evangelist Eddie Wagner Reports Fine Revivals in Compton, California; Los Angeles; Long Beach

For several months our fine young brother, Evangelist Eddie Wagner, has been on the west coast in revival campaigns. Every report we have had of his ministry has been fine. We are grateful for Brother Wagner's soul-winning passion and Spirit-filled ministry. The most recent letter we have had from Brother Wagner is dated April 25th. The part of his letter concerning his campaigns is given here:

"The first one was held February 28-March 13, in the First Brethren Church of Compton, California, Rev. Forrest Lance, pastor. Many in the church said it was the best meeting they had ever had. Nineteen were saved, seventeen rededications, five for church membership.

"The second meeting was in the Hoover Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, March 13-27, Rev. Claude Moffitt, pastor. This was one of the best meetings that I have had as far as a one-church meeting is concerned. There were 118 decisions for Christ—including sixty-six saved, sixteen rededications, ten for baptism, and twenty-

six more for church membership. Brother Moffitt and I really 'shook the bushes' around that church for the Lord.

"The last meeting was held in the Bethany Baptist Church, Long Beach, March 30-April 10, Rev. W. Warren Glover, pastor... (I was in that meeting when I came over to hear you preach in the First Baptist Church of Torrance, California). There were twenty-eight saved and seven rededications..."

Brother Wagner is now in a campaign at the Grace Tabernacle in Owosso, Michigan, and asks prayer for these meetings.

Evangelist R. L. Bordelon Reports Great Conviction and Souls Saved in Oberlin, Louisiana

Though we are not personally acquainted with Evangelist R. L. Bordelon, superintendent of French South Louisiana Missions, yet we are glad to have a fine letter from him, giving a detailed report of a revival meeting which he conducted in the Oberlin Baptist Church of Oberlin, Louisiana. It began as a one-church meeting but later other churches joined in. Brother Bordelon writes:

"Dear Brother Rice: 'The inspiring reports in the column, 'With the Evangelists,' has led me to report a revival meeting held in the Oberlin Baptist Church of Oberlin, Louisiana.

"The Spirit of God came down, moved and worked among the people from the beginning. At the end of the first service a deputy sheriff of Allen Parish (county) came down the aisle professing faith in Christ. Night after night the penitents came. The church was stirred. The community was aroused to the extent that at the end of the first week the churches came together for a union meeting. 'The Lord continued to stir the hearts of the people. We had large crowds. People everywhere commented that nothing like that had ever been witnessed in Oberlin.

"The Oberlin church—which had had only two professions of faith in the past eight years—had at the end of the meeting twenty-four candidates for baptism and church membership. Six came by letter and there were several rededications. We give Him all the praise, who, by His Spirit, accomplishes great things.

"I am available for evangelistic work among both the English and French-speaking people."

Evangelist R. L. Bordelon's address is, Box 506, Church Point, Louisiana.

Evangelist Douglas Winn Reports Successful Campaign in Oklahoma City

Evangelist Douglas Winn, who will be one of the speakers at Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Cedar Lake, Indiana, July 16-24, reports victory at the Northeast Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, where he has just closed a series of meetings. There were fifty-eight first-time decisions for Christ in this campaign. Brother Winn reports that the turning point of the campaign came when he and the pastor, Rev. Ed Smith, along with twelve young people, met for a special prayer meeting. Brother Winn was the first evangelist to hold meetings in this church in fifteen years.

Evangelist Winn of Martinsville, Virginia, is a Spirit-filled preacher. He has had remarkably successful revival campaigns all over the nation. We are fortunate to have him on our program at Cedar Lake, Indiana, July 16-24.

Evangelist Lewis Wunneburger Commended by Pastor Jesse Garrett, Fort Worth

In eight happy days, April 3-10, Evangelist Louis Wunneburger, Texas Baptist evangelist, saw many conversions in the Rosen Heights Baptist Church (with nearly 4,000 members), of which Rev. Jesse Garrett has been pastor twenty-four years. Pastor Jesse Garrett writes:

"On last Sunday evening there closed in the Rosen Heights Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, another wonderful revival. There were 80 decisions. Possibly no

ANOTHER CHURCH LEAVES NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OVER MODERNISM

By the Editor

THE SWORD OF THE LORD is an interdenominational Christian paper. Our greatest concern is that we be true to Christ and the Bible.

We believe all our readers, Baptists and others, will be interested in the withdrawal of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Pasadena, California, from the Northern Baptist Convention and its affiliates. Rev. Clarence M. Keen, a distinguished and useful man of God whom we have known for a good many years, is the pastor. We know that he is widely trusted among sound Christians. We are glad to have a fine brotherly letter from Brother Keen. He enclosed the little church paper, *The Messenger of Immanuel Baptist Church*, which gives the following report on the withdrawal of Immanuel Baptist Church from affiliation with modernism and modernists:

IMMANUEL CANCELS AFFILIATION WITH
Northern Baptist Convention
Southern California Baptist Convention
Foothill Association of Baptist Churches

After a campaign during which all sides were considered and discussed; in good Baptist fashion wherein every one was permitted to speak his mind; and in a purely democratic manner the church (at its annual business meeting Tuesday, May 4, 1948) voted 196 to 21 to withdraw from the Northern Baptist Convention and its affiliated organizations.

The Text of the Resolution
Whereas the Northern Baptist Convention receives, welcomes and honors men who deny the fundamentals of our most holy faith—such as the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, the virgin birth, the sinless life, the substitutionary death, the bodily resurrection, and the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ; and

Whereas the N.B.C. has for years been committed to the "inclusive policy" which means that believers and unbelievers are welcomed into the framework of the Convention; and the present President affirms that the "inclusive policy is here to stay"; and

Whereas the N.B.C. in its various departments is honeycombed with that false religious philosophy called "Modernism," and Whereas the N.B.C. supports and promotes the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which organization is constantly propagating doctrines that are un-Christian and un-American; The Federal Council is constantly promoting radical

other revival has so stirred the hearts of our people, and more became awakened to service than in this revival in which Brother Louis Wunneburger of Austin, did the preaching.

"Last Sunday, the closing day of the revival, was, indeed, a gracious day. My, the people that came down those aisles getting right with God!

"In the twenty-four years the pastor has been pastor at Rosen Heights, we have had some mighty good evangelists; but we have never had one, in all respects, who is a greater evangelist than is Brother Wunneburger. He preaches the gospel as even the lost long to hear it preached; he uses that emphasis to drive his message home, and he gives an invitation that draws the lost to Christ.

"One of the most important things faced by pastors everywhere is securing evangelists who can get results that will please God. For this reason the writer wholeheartedly recommends Brother Wunneburger to any preacher, regardless of the size of the church. He is an evangelist with whom a pastor will be pleased."

We thank God for the fine, Spirit-filled ministry of Brother Wunneburger. God is greatly using him.

theological and political philosophies, a social gospel, a regulated economic system and a socialism and pacifism that are detrimental to Christian liberty and democratic government; and

Whereas many of the leaders of the N.B.C. are preaching and practicing the centralization of power, which philosophy is contrary to and destructive of the time-honored polity of Baptists—namely the absolute autonomy of the local church; and

Whereas to many Gospel lovers the program if the N.B.C. is a "machine-made" schedule; a mechanical, perfunctory, religious "program," lacking Scriptural content, Spiritual discernment, Biblical vitamins, passion and Christian virility, and Whereas the Bible declares, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3) and

Whereas The Immanuel Baptist Church of Pasadena, California, is by character and reputation a Bible loving and Bible believing church;

Whereas the Bible instructs us to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11); and

Whereas the Bible instructs us "be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" but to "come out from among them and be ye separate" (2 Cor. 6:14-17); and

Whereas the Bible promises special blessings to those who obey this injunction, namely, "I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. 6:17, 18); and

Whereas the Bible teaches us "be thou faithful unto death" (Rev. 2:10);

Whereas disobedience to the plain teaching of the Scriptures retards spiritual progress and hinders spiritual blessings; and Whereas our primary responsibility is to the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the churches; Therefore Be it RESOLVED,

That we as a church (and our auxiliary organizations) make no contributions to the Northern Baptist Convention or any of its agencies, nor to any other organization or institution which permits, welcomes or supports unbelief, liberalism and infidelity to the Word of God.

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We purpose to support individuals, institutions and organizations that are proving themselves loyal to historic evangelical Christianity.

That we as a church cancel our affiliation with the Northern Baptist Convention, the Southern California Baptist Convention and Foothill Association of Baptist Churches.

That to eliminate any possible chance of misunderstanding we declare we have been; we are at the present time; and we purpose to continue to be A BAPTIST CHURCH. We believe in and purpose to propagate time-honored distinctive Baptist doctrines and Baptist church polity.

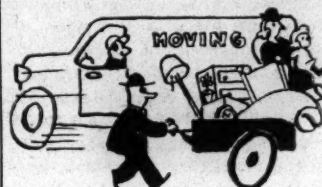
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Fruit from Gambling's Corrupt Tree

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mother was shocked and horrified. "My boy a gambler!"

"Yes," he replied.

"But don't you know that your mother is a leading member of the church?"

"Yes, Mother, I know it."

"Then you must take that money and restore it to the loser," she demanded.

"Mother," the boy said, "where did you get that vase?"

"I won it at bridge."

"Well, if you will send back that vase, then I will return the money I won. You played for a prize. I played for money. But it was you who taught me to play and gave me the desire in my own home."

Playing for a prize or for money is gambling.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman told the story of a tramp who wandered into a church service one evening and when the meeting was thrown open for testimonials he arose and said:

"When I was a boy I attended this church. My father was an officer. There were seven of us boys in a Sunday school class. Our teacher used to take us to her home on Saturday afternoons. We had some music and refreshments and then we would look over the new Sunday School lesson for the next day. After a bit, she taught us to play cards. She taught us several tricks. Soon we asked for more of the cards and less of the Bible. Then we dropped out of the class and met elsewhere to play. Then we took to gambling. Two of those boys have been hanged. Three others are in prison for life. If the police knew that I was in town,

I would be under arrest within ten minutes. All I have to say is that I wish my Sunday School teacher had never taught us to play cards."

"Then he turned to go out. As he did so a lady dressed in black staggered to the aisle and exclaimed, 'My God, I am that Sunday School teacher!'"

"I call upon you today to heed God's Word when it says: 'TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING.'"

"Gambling chloroforms the soul," Dr. Chapman continues. "It freezes the very milk of human kindness. It kills all feeling for the spiritual. Christians, you cannot afford to indulge in this game. Your influence will be soiled. Sunday School teachers, preachers, and parents, for the sake of Christ's cause and for the sake of souls, separate yourselves from this and every other present-day evil."

Gambling is evil fruit because it is wholly parasitic. Gambling has no good points. It takes from others, lives from others, does not contribute anything good. In an article entitled, "Beware of Legalized Gambling," which appeared in CORONET, July, 1946, Roger William Riis says that gambling is "wholly parasitic." In the fight against legalized gambling he says, "If we want our towns and cities dominated by gangsters, racketeers, and rotten politics, then we should legalize gambling. Corruption, crookedness and gambling go hand-in-hand, and never has it been possible to separate them."

Ezekiel said, "... thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord. Behold,

therefore, I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made..." (Ezek. 22: 12b, 13a). Gambling is a blight that produces no new wealth, performs no useful service; it is based on greed, dishonesty and corruption.

Solomon summed up the Christian's attitude toward this sin when he said:

"Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich. Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son; but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father. He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor."—Prov. 28:6-8.

As I thought of gambling and all of its blighted fruit, I began to write "A Gamblers' Twenty-third Psalm" to show the fruit of gambling.

Gambling is my Shepherd: I shall always want.

He forceth me to lie down in prison cells:

He leadeth me in the paths of unrighteousness for the Devil's sake.

Yea, I will walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

Because of this evil: for this fever is with me;

His rod and his staff they beat me.

He taketh the food from my table in the presence of my family.

He anointeth my head with trouble; my cup overfloweth with bitterness.

Surely unhappiness and misery shall follow me all the days of my life,

Because I dwell in the gambling house forever.

Fruit of Gambling Is Evil in All Its Forms and for Any Amount

Many fail to understand that gambling is gambling in all its forms and for any amount. The Devil has tricked people into believing that playing poker (a game of gambling with cards) is a sin, but buying a chance for a car as a prize is not. Both are gambling and a sin even though perhaps the money at the poker game goes for an individual and probably the money for the "chance" goes to a "good cause" or "church." Don't be tricked! Whether one cent is risked or a hundred dollars, it is gambling! The amount spent does not make it gambling, but gambling for a little or large amount, on any variety, is a sin! Stealing is stealing, whether it is one loaf of bread or a carload. True, some forms are worse than others; but all are gambling and gambling is evil fruit in all its forms.

Our nation was built by honesty, hard work, saving and free enterprise, not by cheating, depending on luck and getting rich quick at someone else's loss.

The background of gambling, the tree and its fruits as well, is everything that the Christian life is not. Corruption, dishonesty, crime, crookedness and gambling go hand-in-hand. God hates gambling!

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Rev. Joe B. Rice, Third Brother, Enters Full-Time Evangelism

By the Editor

A letter from my brother, Joe B. Rice, pastor of the Cashion Place Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, for several successful years, tells me that he has, after quite a struggle, launched out on the promises of God to enter full-time evangelistic work.

Brother Joe is younger than I, older than Bill. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, has served as pastor in Roosevelt, Oklahoma; Sherman, Texas; Charleston, Illinois; and Oklahoma City. God has given him souls regularly, and in each case his ministry was blessed in the pastorate. But there has been a continual burden on his heart to do the work of an evangelist. He has gone out to hold five or six campaigns recently and regretfully turned down other invitations. He has just held a blessed revival campaign with the Ulysses Baptist Church, Ulysses, Kansas. The pastor writes:

"Guess by this time you have already heard of the great meeting that we had with Brother Joe and Jim Stoutenborough. We enjoyed them very much, and Brother Joe brought some wonderful messages. I can recommend him for a meeting anywhere. Our people sure loved him, and Jim also."

Brother Joe recently had a blessed revival in Denison, Texas. The pastor, Rev. Milton Kresse, wrote at that time, saying:

"My heart shall ever praise God from whom all blessings flow for sending your brother, Joe Rice, our way. Indeed he was not only a blessing to Mrs. Kresse and myself; he was truly a blessing to our church and the entire community as well. . . . The building was completely filled after the third night. We also praise God for having seen souls saved for whom we had been praying for the entire five years that we have been here as pastor. Also we rejoiced to see some fathers and mothers who had been cold and indifferent toward the cause of Christ, come rededicating their lives to His service."

"In all the five years as pastor



Evangelist Joe B. Rice

at Sunnyside, we have never had a revival here equal to the one just closed by your brother and my brother in Christ. "Surely God is using him in a mighty way and my prayer is that He shall continue to do so."

"Yours by His matchless grace,
"Milton Kresse."

Brother Joe is now teaching in the Oklahoma City Bible Institute, is a member in good standing of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Oklahoma City.

He is a fervent preacher of the Word of God, and grounded in doctrine, heartwarming in his appeal. When I was pastor of the Galilean Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, he served one year as assistant pastor, and in a remarkable fashion won the love and confidence of the people, preaching most acceptably in my frequent absences from the pulpit.

Brother Joe will be available for revival campaigns beginning the last of June or the first of July. I am deeply grateful to God that he is stepping out into the work and believe that he will be richly blessed. He may be addressed:

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Must Christians Support Jewish Missions?

By the Editor

Many efforts are made to get Christians to give Jewish missions a priority over other soul-winning agencies. Repeatedly we are told that the first concern of Christians ought to be to get Jews saved, and that we should be more concerned about getting Jews saved than others.

Two Scriptures are sometimes used by these advocates of Jewish missions to teach that Christians ought always to put Jewish missions first. However, they misinterpret the Scripture. Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Now to take the phrase, "to the Jew first," out of this verse and say that all Christians are commanded to get the gospel to the Jews first is certainly a perversion of Scripture. The gospel is the power of salvation, Paul says. The gospel came to the Jews first and its power was manifested, and then it came to Greek world, that is, Paul himself went from Asia Minor into Greece and began at Philippi. Now Paul hopes to go to Rome and preach the gospel there also. Chronologically, the gospel was preached to the Jew first. Romans 1:16 tells us the order in which the gospel was preached by the apostles, and that the same gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. It certainly gives no command that Christians should always preach the gospel to Jews first.

Again, Acts 1:8 is claimed to teach that Christians should take the gospel to Jews before Gentiles. That verse says: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The disciples to whom Jesus was speaking were to begin preaching there in the city of Jerusalem. They were to tarry there until endued with power from on high and then immediately begin preaching and winning souls. Instead of teaching that we should go and get the gospel to Jews first, that Scripture actually teaches that Christians should be filled with the Holy Spirit and begin where they are to win souls and then help in every way possible to spread the gospel over the whole world.

Converted Jews today ought to do what Paul and other Jewish converts did in Bible times. Paul, when he went into a town, usually went to the people who would be most likely to hear him, the Jews,

who already knew about Paul's God. That would be the best way to get the gospel started in Paul's case. Then he preached to Gentiles just as quickly as he could get some of them together to hear the gospel, and often left the Jews entirely when they would not hear.

Should Christians give money to support Jewish mission? Yes, if they are convinced that this way will get more people saved and honor the Lord more than if all the money were spent otherwise. But if the same money will win more souls elsewhere, then we may be sure that it will please God better used elsewhere. Our soul winning ought not to be controlled by racial pride nor national pride. Jews are very dear to God and dear to me. Many of them have been saved in my revival campaigns. But we ought to consider Jews as lost sinners and Catholics as lost sinners and colored people as lost sinners, and thus we ought to simply try to reach everybody possible with the gospel.

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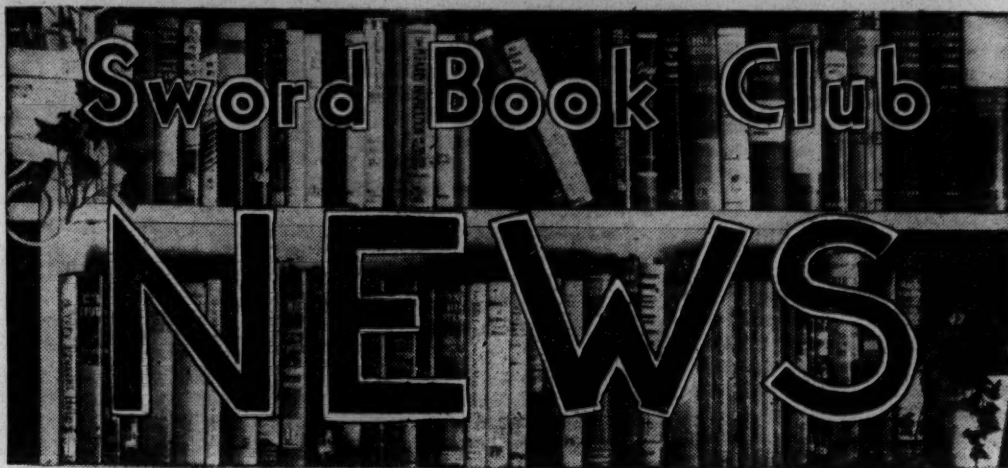
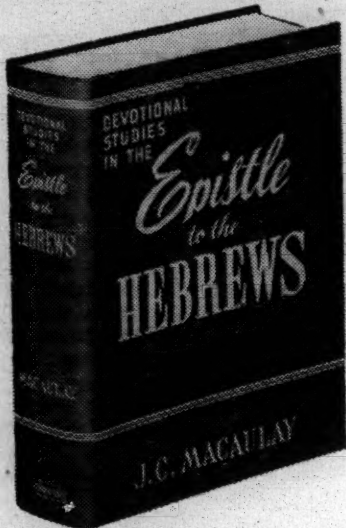
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and endeared him to congregations wherever he has been.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

For ten years Pastor Joseph Macaulay has ministered to the Wheaton Bible Church in Wheaton, Illinois. He is now on a three-months tour of the British Isles, where he was born and brought up. A Scotsman, Macaulay was converted while young and became a boy preacher. He has held pastorates in Cleveland, Ohio and in Canada, spending ten years in one church at Sault Sainte Marie, before coming to Wheaton in 1939. He attended Glasgow University and Wheaton College, where he received his B. A. in 1945 and received a Doctor of Divinity degree just this year. His former books, devotional commentaries on Acts and John, have been well received.

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"Ready . . . Also to Die" --

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the most famous horse races in the world. A man with a stable of fine horses, a great gambler, had a devoted Christian mother who prayed constantly that he would turn from his wickedness to God. He kept saying, "Mother, some day I will. Some day I will."

The time came when his horse was one of the favorites to win the Derby. His mother begged him not to run that race, saying, "I won't be here long. For my sake don't run it."

Holding her in his arms, he said, "Mother, I will have to run it. The stakes are up, people have put their money on my horse and as a matter of honor I must." She wept and begged and pleaded, but he laid her gently down with a kiss, and said, "Mother, let me run this race."

She answered, "Please don't run it."

He strode out, mounted his horse, and dashed off down the road, when suddenly he realized his riding gauntlets had been forgotten. He whirled around, rode back, leaped off his horse, and started to enter the house. As he stepped to the porch he heard somebody talking. It seemed strange that company could have come in so quickly after his departure, and he hesitated. Yes, somebody was talking. Somebody was talking to God. She was praying with all of a mother's heart, "O God, O God, let something happen today that will win my boy from the life of a gambler and win him to his mother's God." He had manhood enough to make an instant decision. Into the room he strode, lifted up his mother who was prostrate on her face, and said, "Mother, your prayers are answered, I'll not run the race today. I'll not run it, I'll pay off if it costs me everything."

Mounting his horse again he went to the race course, called the other men and said, "Fellows, I can't run the race today."

"What's the matter?"

"I can't tell you."

"Why, what's the matter? A hundred thousand people are already in the stands waiting to see your horse win the Derby."

"I can't help it, I can't run the race. I'll pay it off if it costs me everything, but I can't run the race."

The owners of the other horses and the judges came up and said, "What's the matter?" They were impatient.

"Oh, if you could see what I saw and heard you wouldn't blame me."

"Tell us."

"Well, boys," he said, "here's what happened. I have the greatest mother whom God ever gave a man. I owe everything to her. She is ill. She won't be here long. I have promised her every year that I would quit this course, and awhile ago she threw her arms around me and wept and prayed that something would happen and I would not run this race, and it happened."

"What happened?"

"I left my riding gloves and I went back and when I stepped up on the porch I heard her praying and I cannot go against my mother's prayers."

They all joined with him and said, "You won't have to pay; we'll not let you pay; you need not run that race."

He was a man God stopped. Better yet, afterward he went up and down the land preaching the glorious Gospel.

Paul was like that in the whole-hearted change of his life. He had been fighting the church tooth and nail; now he threw all he had into the job God gave him. When God stopped him, Paul's first question was, "Who art thou, Lord?" When he knew that it was Jesus, his next question was, "What wouldst thou have me to do?"

Paul And His Job

Friend, it is a great thing to settle the question of the lordship of Jesus in your life, then immediately put your total life at His service. Paul did it and afterward was able to declare before a king

and his great ones, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19). Say, do you have anything like that? Do you have anything worth dying for?

A girl went from an American home to the Himalaya mountains. She only stopped when she reached the Tibetan border. She was out to obey God and carry the Gospel "to every creature." She cared for lepers everywhere until one day she saw her own hand was infected with the deadly disease. Into her room she went, shut the door, put that hand out before the Lord and said, "Father, here is my hand. I am a leper. I am willing to die. I would like to give the balance of my life to lepers." And the hand that had touched lepers into cleanness long ago, touched her hand and the leprosy was cleansed. For thirty years longer Mary Reed stayed in those remote mountains among the lepers. She was "ready also to die," and that is why her life was a miracle of fragrance and dynamite.

There were John and Mary Gaston, missionaries to China. They signed up young, crossed oceans, threw themselves into the work, had converts, saw villages transformed. One day Mary said, "John, I'm sick. I never felt like this before." The doctor was six hundred miles away. John said, "Mary, I must take you to the doctor." They started down river, travelling by canoe. John tried to shelter her from the burning July sun. One

day they were resting close to a great tree. They had been talking about how glad they were they had come to China, when Mary said, "John, I'm not going any further. I'm going home to be with Christ." She began to speak of some of the villages that had been changed by the preaching of the Gospel. "John," she said, "I'm glad we came. I'm glad we came, even if I can't go any further," and she kissed him goodbye. The Chinese oarsman, sensing the presence of death, withdrew over the hill.

John got an oar from the boat, and under the shade of the tree dug a grave with his knife and with that oar. He took some branches of the tree and spread them inside the grave. He took her white skirt and spread it over her like a shroud. Then he put the little body, quiet now, down into the grave. Each time he scraped an oarful of dirt into the grave a part of his heart went with it, and he left her face until the last to cover up. There were no friends to say, "We are sorry," no crepe on the door, no neighbors with the word, "What can we do to help?" There were no wreaths of flowers. He was alone there with his life's best treasure. They had taken the rough road for Christ. Leaving her resting there, he went down, got into the boat. The Chinese oarsman came and started down the river. But he said, "No, no. Not down the river, but up the river," because her last words had been, "John, go back, go back to the people until the end." Listen folks, those young people had something worth dying

for. Do you?

Alexander Duff spent most of his long career in India. At the end of his life he came to Edinburgh and spoke at a great convention. For two and a half hours he held the audience spellbound. He told of trials and hardships. He told of conquests in India. Then he fainted, and they carried him off the platform. When consciousness was restored, he cried out: "Take me back; I must finish my message."

His attendants protested, "You will die if you go back."

"I'll die if I don't," was his answer. Again he stood before that magnificent audience and poured out his heart. "Have you no more sons to send to India? Queen Victoria asks for soldiers, and you gladly offer your sons. Christ asks for missionaries, and you say, 'No, we have no sons to send.' If there is no one who will volunteer, I'll go back to India, and let them know that there is one Scotchman who is willing to die for those who sit in heathen darkness." Alexander Duff: a real man! Ready to die! Measure your consecration by his.

Paul's Promotion

I want you to see one more picture. I see an old man in a prison cell. His face is seamed by the sun, wind and rain of years of hard travel. His body, marked with scars received for Christ's sake, shivers in the prison cold and damp. But his eyes are still flashing and fearless. He bends over the writing, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown

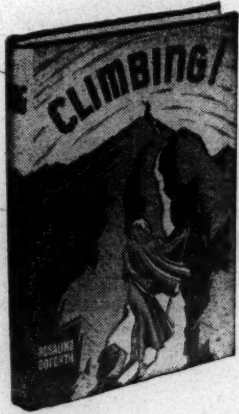
of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:7, 8). He shivers again for the cold is intense, goes on writing: "The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments." There he is—behold the man—God's hero, Paul the aged, writing thoughts the Holy Spirit gives him which shall immortalize his name for time and eternity.

At last Paul's final day on earth dawns. But in his inner prison cell no ray of light welcomes the new day. Then footsteps pound in the passageway. Heavily the door grinds open. The summons comes. Paul is called out of the cell, led outside the city. I see him march along, telling the soldiers of Jesus, witnessing to his executioners. I hear his voice, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor. 5:20). But the moment has come. There is a flash of light on a Roman sword. Paul's headless body crumples, silent at last, in the reddening dust.

But Paul, the real Paul, is no longer there. Had he not written, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Paul knew it was true! Knew it now by experience, as he had known it all along by God's teaching. Therefore, he had said, "Ready . . . also to die." Unsaved friend, you know the way. Will you take Paul's Christ?

CLIMBING

by ROSALIND GOFORTH



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